

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

15-CR-142-W

JACK WOOD a/k/a Snake,

Defendant.

PLEA AGREEMENT

The defendant, **JACK WOOD a/k/a Snake**, and the United States Attorney for the Western District of New York (hereinafter "the government") hereby enter into a plea agreement with the terms and conditions as set out below.

I. THE PLEA AND POSSIBLE SENTENCE

1. The defendant agrees to plead guilty to Count 1 of the Second Superseding Indictment, which charges a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(d) (RICO Conspiracy), for which the maximum possible sentence is a term of imprisonment of 20 years, a fine of \$250,000, a mandatory \$100 special assessment, and a term of supervised release of three (3) years. The defendant understands that the penalties set forth in this paragraph are the maximum penalties that can be imposed by the Court at sentencing.

2. The defendant understands that, if it is determined that the defendant has violated any of the terms or conditions of supervised release, the defendant may be required to serve in prison all or part of the term of supervised release, up to two (2) years, without

credit for time previously served on supervised release. As a consequence, in the event the defendant is sentenced to the maximum term of incarceration, a prison term imposed for a violation of supervised release may result in the defendant serving a sentence of imprisonment longer than the statutory maximum set forth in ¶ 1 of this agreement.

II. ELEMENTS AND FACTUAL BASIS

3. The defendant understands the nature of the offenses set forth in ¶ 1 of this agreement and understands that if this case proceeded to trial, the government would be required to prove beyond a reasonable doubt the following elements of the crime:

a. that there was an enterprise, as described in the Second Superseding Indictment, consisting of a group of persons associated together for a common purpose of engaging in a course of conduct;

b. that the enterprise engaged in, or its activities in some way affected, interstate or foreign commerce;

c. that the defendant was employed by or associated with the enterprise; and

d. that the defendant knowingly and intentionally entered into an agreement that a conspirator would conduct, or participate in the conduct of, the affairs of the enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity.

FACTUAL BASIS

4. The defendant and the government agree to the following facts, which form the basis for the entry of the plea of guilty including relevant conduct:

a. The Kingsmen Motorcycle Club ("KMC") was founded in Lockport, New York in 1959 and continues to operate today. As set forth in the

Second Superseding Indictment, the KMC is a criminal organization whose leadership, members, and associates constituted an enterprise, as defined by Title 18, United States Code, Section 1961(4), that is, a group of individuals associated in fact, the activities of which affected interstate and foreign commerce.

- b. The purposes of the KMC included the following: promoting and enhancing the enterprise and its members and associates' activities, including, but not limited to, distribution of controlled substances, maintaining premises for use and distribution of controlled substances, possession, use and sale of firearms, sale of untaxed cigarettes, and other criminal activities including but not limited to promoting prostitution; preserving and protecting the power, territory, and reputation of the enterprise and its' members through intimidation, violence, threats of violence, assaults, murder, and attempted murder; placing victims, potential victims, potential witnesses, and others in fear of the enterprise, its members, and associates, through violence and threats of violence; and generating and maximizing the profits, reputation, and membership of the enterprise from a variety of illegal activity, including but not limited to, drug trafficking, firearm sales, sale of untaxed cigarettes, sale of alcohol, gambling, robbery, and prostitution.
- c. The KMC operates in New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Florida. Each KMC member and chapter paid dues to the KMC National, which was located in the State of Florida. KMC Chapters routinely sold alcohol and untaxed cigarettes for profits, which they attempted to mask by calling them "donations." The KMC also permitted gambling inside KMC Chapter clubhouses, and promoted unlawful "stripper parties" and sexual activities inside KMC Chapter clubhouses.
- d. The defendant, JACK WOOD, was a KMC member and was the Sergeant at Arms of the Arcade KMC Chapter. The defendant admits that, at various times during the RICO Conspiracy alleged in Count 1, KMC members and associates of the KMC used marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, and other controlled substances in and around the Delevan/Arcade KMC Chapter clubhouse. The defendant acknowledges that sometimes, the KMC and its members and associates made efforts to ensure that KMC members, or civilians visiting the ~~North Tonawanda~~ Chapter, did not do drugs in open and notorious manner inside the clubhouse out of fear that such activity would cause law enforcement to investigate the KMC. However, the defendant acknowledges that, even with brief periods of diminished drug use, drug use and distribution continued to occur inside and around KMC clubhouses, including the Delevan/Arcade KMC Chapter clubhouse. The defendant further acknowledges that he knew that KMC members

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were involved in the use and distribution of cocaine, marijuana, and other controlled substances. The defendant further admits that he possessed firearms that were available to other KMC members, and that KMC members maintained access to firearms, and KMC members possessed and maintained firearms on their person and inside KMC Chapter Clubhouses, including the Delevan/Arcade KMC Chapter clubhouse. KMC members were also involved in firearm sales at various times. The defendant admits that the activities of the KMC, including sale of alcohol, cocaine and other controlled substances, firearms sale and possession, payment of dues, and the interstate activities and coordination by the KMC affect interstate commerce. The parties agree that after converting the amount of cocaine, marijuana, and other controlled substances involved in the offense, at least 60 kilograms but less than 80 kilograms of marijuana is the amount involved in the defendant's relevant conduct encompassed in Count 1 of the Second Superseding Indictment which could be readily proven by the government against the defendant.

- e. The defendant further admits that the KMC follows a strict chain of command. David Pirk was the National KMC President from in or about 2012 at least until the return date of the Second Superseding Indictment. The KMC chain of command was such that the National President passed down orders to the Regional Presidents; Regional Presidents passed down orders to the Chapter Presidents; and Chapter Presidents passed down orders to Chapter Officers and members. KMC Nomads served at the discretion of the National President and/or Regional Presidents who passed down orders from the National President.
- f. The defendant admits that, on or about August 3, 2013, KMC Nomads, including but not limited to Edgar DeKay II a/k/a Special Ed, Gregory Willson a/k/a Flip, Thomas Koszuta a/k/a Kazoo, Sean McIndoo a/k/a Professor, used defendant Jack Wood's van without his knowledge to drive from the defendant's house in Delevan, New York, where he was hosting a large KMC party on his property, to conduct a drive-by shooting, in Springville, New York. During the incident, shots were fired at former KMC Springville members who were at odds with the current members of the KMC. There were no injuries as a result of the shots fired. After the drive-by shooting, the KMC Nomads returned to the defendant's house and told the defendant that he should not use his van for a while. The defendant quickly learned that his fellow KMC members used his van during the drive-by shooting, and did not use the van in the immediate aftermath of the drive-by shooting, as instructed, and he also did not report to the authorities that his van was used in the shooting. In 2015, when FBI agents approached the defendant and interviewed him, several times, regarding the drive-by shooting, the

defendant made evasive and misleading statements in an effort to hinder and prevent the offenders' apprehension, trial, and punishment. When the defendant was subpoenaed to testify before a federal Grand Jury on June 24, 2015, the defendant again made evasive, incomplete, and misleading statements regarding the scope of his knowledge that his van was used in a drive-by shooting, who used his van to participate in the drive-by shooting, and who told him not to drive his van for a while following the shooting, in an effort to hinder and prevent the offenders' apprehension, trial, and punishment. The defendant admits to this conduct.

- g. The above facts are set forth for the limited purpose of complying with Rule 11(b)(3) and are not intended to serve as a complete statement of the defendant's criminal conduct.

III. SENTENCING GUIDELINES

- 5. The defendant understands that the Court must consider but is not bound by the Sentencing Guidelines (Sentencing Reform Act of 1984).

BASE OFFENSE LEVEL

- 6. The government and the defendant agree that Guidelines §§ 2E1.1(a)(2), 2D1.8(a)(1), 2D1.1(a)(5), 2D1.1(b)(1), 2D1.1(b)(12) and 2D1.1(c)(10) apply to ¶4(d), above, and provide for a base offense level of 24.

- 7. The government and the defendant agree that Guidelines §§ 2X3.1(a)(1), 2E1.1(a)(2), 2A2.2(a), 2A2.2(b)(1), and 2A2.2(b)(2)(A) apply to ¶4(f), above, and provide for a base offense level of 15.

ADJUSTED OFFENSE LEVEL

8. Based on ¶¶ 6 through 7 of this agreement and Guidelines § 3D1.4, it is the understanding of the government and the defendant that the defendant's combined adjusted offense level is 24.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY

9. At sentencing, the government agrees not to oppose the recommendation that the Court apply the two (2) level downward adjustment of Guidelines § 3E1.1(a) (acceptance of responsibility), and further agrees to move the Court to apply the additional one (1) level downward adjustment of Guidelines § 3E1.1(b), which would result in a total offense level of 21.

CRIMINAL HISTORY CATEGORY

10. It is the understanding of the government and the defendant that the defendant's criminal history category is I. The defendant understands that if the defendant is sentenced for, or convicted of, any other charges prior to sentencing in this action the defendant's criminal history category may increase. The defendant understands that the defendant has no right to withdraw the plea of guilty based on the Court's determination of the defendant's criminal history category.

GUIDELINES' APPLICATION, CALCULATIONS AND IMPACT

11. It is the understanding of the government and the defendant that, with a total offense level of 21 and criminal history category of I, the defendant's sentencing range would

be a term of imprisonment of 37 to 46 months, a fine of \$15,000 to \$150,000, and a period of supervised release of 1 to 3 years. Notwithstanding this, the defendant understands that at sentencing the defendant is subject to the maximum penalties set forth in ¶ 1 of this agreement.

12. The government and the defendant agree to the correctness of the calculation of the Sentencing Guidelines range set forth above. The government and the defendant, however, reserve the right to recommend a sentence outside the Sentencing Guidelines range. This paragraph reserves the right to the government and the defendant to bring to the attention of the Court all information deemed relevant to a determination of the proper sentence in this action.

13. The defendant understands that the Court is not bound to accept any Sentencing Guidelines calculations and the defendant will not be entitled to withdraw the plea of guilty based on the sentence imposed by the Court.

IV. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

14. In the event the defendant's plea of guilty is withdrawn, or convictions vacated, either pre- or post-sentence, by way of appeal, motion, post-conviction proceeding, collateral attack or otherwise, the defendant agrees that any charges dismissed pursuant to this agreement shall be automatically reinstated upon motion of the government and further agrees not to assert the statute of limitations as a defense to any other federal criminal offense, which is not time barred as of the date of this agreement. This waiver shall be effective for a

period of six months following the date upon which the withdrawal of the guilty plea or vacating of the conviction becomes final.

V. GOVERNMENT RIGHTS AND RESERVATIONS

15. At sentencing, the government agrees to take no position as to the specific sentence within the Guidelines range determined by the Court.

16. The defendant understands that the government has reserved the right to:

- a. provide to the Probation Office and the Court all the information and evidence in its possession that the government deems relevant concerning the defendant's background, character and involvement in the offense charged, the circumstances surrounding the charge and the defendant's criminal history;
- b. respond at sentencing to any statements made by the defendant or on the defendant's behalf that are inconsistent with the information and evidence available to the government;
- c. advocate for a specific sentence consistent with the terms of this agreement including the amount of a fine and the method of payment; and
- c. modify its position with respect to any sentencing recommendation or sentencing factor under the Guidelines including criminal history category, in the event that subsequent to this agreement the government receives previously unknown information, including conduct and statements by the defendant subsequent to this agreement, regarding the recommendation or factor.

17. At sentencing, the government will move to dismiss the open counts of the Second Superseding Indictment as against the defendant.

18. The defendant agrees that any financial records and information provided by the defendant to the Probation Office, before or after sentencing, may be disclosed to the United States Attorney's Office for use in the collection of any unpaid financial obligation.

VI. APPEAL RIGHTS

19. The defendant understands that Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742 affords a defendant a limited right to appeal the sentence imposed. The defendant, however, knowingly waives the right to appeal and collaterally attack any component of a sentence imposed by the Court which falls within or is less than the sentencing range for imprisonment, a fine and supervised release set forth in Section III, ¶ 11, above, notwithstanding the manner in which the Court determines the sentence. In the event of an appeal of the defendant's sentence by the government, the defendant reserves the right to argue the correctness of the defendant's sentence.

20. The defendant understands that by agreeing not to collaterally attack the sentence, the defendant is waiving the right to challenge the sentence in the event that in the future the defendant becomes aware of previously unknown facts or a change in the law which the defendant believes would justify a decrease in the defendant's sentence.

21. The government waives its right to appeal any component of a sentence imposed by the Court which falls within or is greater than the sentencing range for imprisonment, a fine and supervised release set forth in Section III, ¶ 11, above, notwithstanding the manner in which the Court determines the sentence. However, in the

event of an appeal from the defendant's sentence by the defendant, the government reserves its right to argue the correctness of the defendant's sentence.

VII. FORFEITURE PROVISION

22. Upon the defendant's conviction under Count 1, the defendant agrees to the forfeiture of all of his right, title, and interest in the following property pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1963(a)(1) and 3665 against the following property:

- a. Forty (40) Remington 12 gauge shotgun shells, one (1) Winchester 12gauge shotgun shell and one (1) Federal 20 gauge shotgun shell, one (1) Bandolier, one (1) 24" rifled barrel (from Mossberg 12 gauge), three (3) shotgun shells and one (1) holster recovered on or about August 26, 2015 from 63 North Main Street, Delavan, NY;
- b. One (1) Connecticut Valley Arms Rifle Make: Optimum Model: Magnum Caliber: .50 SN: 61-13-02-10-22-08 with attached one (1) Tasco 3-9 X 32 scope, Model: Silver Antler (no SN visible) recovered from 2717 California Hill Road, Delavan, New York on August 26, 2015;
- c. One (1) Rifle Make: Marlin Model: 336w Caliber: 30/30win SN: MR97219c with attached one (1) scope x 40 magnification, (no SN visible) recovered from 2717 California Hill Road, Delavan, New York on August 26, 2015;
- d. One (1) Rifle Make: Benjamin Model: Titan Caliber: .22 SN: N11XO3325 with attached Center Pointe 4 X 32 sight, SN: S111201 recovered from 2717 California Hill Road, Delavan, New York on August 26, 2015;
- e. One Sears Roebuck and Co. Automatic Shotgun, Model: 300 Caliber: 12 Gauge SN: Q119758 with attached one (1) Tasco Pro Point Sight recovered from 2717 California Hill Road, Delavan, New York on August 26, 2015;
- f. One (1) Tasco Sight Scope recovered from 2717 California Hill Road, Delavan, New York on August 26, 2015;

- g. One (1) Musket, make: Pedersoli, Caliber: .50 – (No Model or Serial Number) recovered from 2717 California Hill Road, Delavan, New York on August 26, 2015;
- h. Six (6) knives, one (1) hatchet, three (3) boxes of .33 caliber ammunition and four (4) rounds of 12 gauge ammunition recovered from 2717 California Hill Road, Delavan, New York on August 26, 2015;
- i. One (1) 7.62 X 39 round of ammunition recovered from 2717 California Hill Road, Delavan, New York on August 26, 2015;
- j. Twenty (20) rounds of Winchester 762 X 39 ammunition recovered from 2717 California Hill Road, Delavan, New York on August 26, 2015;
- k. One pellet gun (no identifying information) recovered from 2717 California Hill Road, Delavan, New York on August 26, 2015; and
- l. One (1) single shot pistol (with no identifiable make, model, serial or caliber) recovered from a Confidential Source on or about September 8, 2015.

23. The defendant hereby waives any right to notice of a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture and consents and agrees that it shall become final as to the defendant prior to sentencing and agrees that the Order shall be made part of the defendant's sentence and included in the Judgment pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

24. The defendant further agrees to the entry of orders of forfeiture for the aforementioned property and waives the requirements of Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 32.2 and 43(a) regarding notice of the forfeiture in the charging instrument, announcement of the forfeiture at sentencing, and incorporation of the forfeiture in the judgment. Defendant acknowledges that he understands that the forfeiture of property is part

of the sentence that may be imposed in this case and waives any failure by the court to advise him of this, pursuant to Rule 11(b)(1)(J), at the time his guilty plea is accepted.

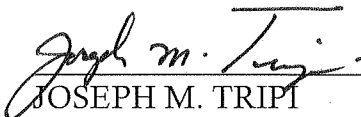
25. The defendant agrees that the above-described property is also subject to forfeiture and waives any and all statutory and constitutional rights, including but not limited to time restrictions and notice provisions with respect to the final disposition or forfeiture of the above property. The defendant further agrees to the destruction of the firearm and ammunition described above.

VIII. TOTAL AGREEMENT AND AFFIRMATIONS

26. This plea agreement represents the total agreement between the defendant, **JACK WOOD a/k/a Snake**, and the government. There are no promises made by anyone other than those contained in this agreement. This agreement supersedes any other prior agreements, written or oral, entered into between the government and the defendant.

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BY:


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Dated: July 13, 2018

I have read this agreement, which consists of 13 pages. I have had a full opportunity to discuss this agreement with my attorney, John J. Molloy, Esq. I agree that it represents the total agreement reached between myself and the government. No promises or representations have been made to me other than what is contained in this agreement. I understand all of the consequences of my plea of guilty. I fully agree with the contents of this agreement. I am signing this agreement voluntarily and of my own free will.



JACK WOOD
Defendant

Dated: July 13, 2018



JOHN J. MOLLOY, ESQ.
Attorney for the Defendant

Dated: July 13, 2018